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FIRST, whether Com-
mon Prayer be said in your
Church or Chappell vpon
the Sondays and Holye
dayes at conuenient houres
reuerently and distinctly in
suche order, without anye
kinde of alteration, as is ap-
poynted by the Booke of
Common Prayer, and the Lawes of this Realme:
and whether your Minister so tourne himselfe, and
stand in such place of your Church or Chauncell, as
the people may best heare the same: Whether the
Holy Sacramentes be likewise ministred reuerent-
ly, in such manner as by the Lawes of this Realme
is appoynted: And, whether vpon Wednesdays
and Fridayes, not being Holy dayes, the Letanye
and other Prayers appointed for the daye, be sayde
accordingly, and the ~~Communion~~ against sin-
ners, read thise yearely: *communion*

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2 Whether you haue in your Church oꝛ Chapell all thinges necessary and requisite foꝛ common prayer and administration of the Sacramentes, especially, the booke of Common Prayer with the new Kalender, two Psalters, the Englishe Bible in the largest volume, the two Tomes of the Homelies, the Paraphrasis of Crasimus translated into English, the Table of the Tenne Commandementes, the Table foꝛ the degrees of Patrimonie, a convenient Pulpit well placed: a comely and decent Table standing on a frame, foꝛ the Holy Communion, with a sayze linnen cloth to laye vpon the same, and some coueringe of Silke, Buckeraime, oꝛ other such like, foꝛ the cleane keeping therof, a sayze and comely Communion Cup of Silver and a couer of silver foꝛ the same, a sure Coffer wyth two lockes foꝛ the keeping of the Register Booke, and a strong Chest oꝛ box foꝛ the Almes of the poore:

3 Whether any person oꝛ persons bee admitted to answeare as Godfathers oꝛ Godmothers at the Chrystening of any Childe, except he oꝛ she haue before receiued the Holy Communion, and can geue accompte of their faith, and will recite the same before the Minister, if he oꝛ she be thereunto required:

4 Whether any person oꝛ persons, not beinge ordered at the least foꝛ a Deacon, do either say Common Prayer openly in your church, solemnize Patrimony, oꝛ administer the Sacrament of Baptisme, oꝛ deliuer to the Communicantes the Lordes Cup, at the celebration of the Holye Communion, oꝛ doe burie the deade, oꝛ geue Thanks foꝛ Women after their

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their Childbirth, and what he or they be that so doe?

5 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Farmer of your Benefice, do cause any Curate to serue in your Church before hee be examined and admitted by the Ordinarie, or his Deputie in writing, and your Minister haue his sufficient letter of Orders or no?

6 Whether your Minister or you haue suffered any Interludes to bee played in your Church or Chappell, where Gods Word and Prayer are to be vsed, or there be any in your Parish that doth violate or breake the Lordes Day by any kinde of worke or pastime whatsoeuer, or any Minstrels that vse any playinge vpon their Instrumentes in your Church or Chappell, or your Churchyard, or other that hath made any fray, or vsed any brawlinge or vnseemely noyse there, or any that vse any Dauncinge or other kinde of vayne pastime in the foresaid places at any time, And whether ther be any Dauncing, Kissing, or gameplaying, or any bodily labour, as ploughing, carting, or any handie crafte vsed in your Parish vpon the soleimne feastes, or festiuall dayes?

7 Whether the people of your Parish, especially householders hauing no lawfull excuse to bee absente, do faithfullye and diligentlye endeuor themselves to resort with their children and seruantes to their Parishes Church or Chappell on the Holy dayes, and chiefly vpon the Sondays, to Morninge and Evening Prayer, and vpon reasonable let thereof, to some vsuall place where Common Prayer is vsed, and then and there abide orderlye, and soberlye, during

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ring the time of Common Prayer, Homilies, Preachinges, and other Seruice of Gods word there v^eled, reuerently and deuoutly giuinge themselves to the hearing thereof, and who they be that either negligent^e or willfully absente themselves, or come very late to Church vpon the Sondays especiall^e, or that walke, talke, or otherwise vnreuerently be haue themselves in the Church, or vse any gaminge abroad^e or in anye house, or sitte in the streates or churchyarde, or in anie Tauerne, or Alehouse vpon the Sunday or other Holy day, in the time of Common Prayer, Sermons or reading of the Homilies, either befoze noone or after noone, or els resorte to faires, Playes, or games, in the same time?

8 Whether the forsaiture of twelue pence for euery suche offence appoynted by a Statute made in the first yeare of the Queenes Maiesties raigne be leuied, and taken by the Church Wardens of euery person that offendeth, and by them bee put to the vse of the pooze of the Parish, and if it bee not, by whose default it is not leuied, and what particular sommes of mony haue bene forsayted that way, & by whome since the Annuntiatio of our Lady in the year of our Lord 1581. untill the day of geuing v^e the presentment concerninge these articles, and to whome such forsaitures haue beene deliuered?

9 Whether there bee anye Innekeepers, Alewives, Tittaylers, or Tiplers that suffer or adimit anye person or persons in their houses to eate or drinke, or play at Cards, Tables or such like games in time of Common Prayer or Sermon on Sondays

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dayes oꝝ Holy dayes , and whether there bee anye
shoppes open on Sondayes oꝝ Holy dayes, oꝝ anye
Butchers oꝝ others that commonly vse to sell meate
oꝝ other thinges in the tyme of Common Prayer,
Preaching, oꝝ readinge of the Homilies. And whe-
ther in any faires oꝝ common markets falling vpon
the Holy dayes, there be any shewing of any wares
befoze the deuine seruice be done.

10 Whether foꝝ the putting of the Churchwar-
dens and Swornemen the better in remembrance of
their duetie in obseruing and noting such as offends
in not comming to diuine seruice, your Minister doe
openly euerie Sunday, after he haue read the second
Lesson at Morning and Euening Prayer, monishe
and warne the Churchwardens and Swornemen
to looke to their charge in this behalfe, and to obserue
who contrarie to the saide Statute, offende in absen-
ting themselves from their Parish Church, oꝝ vire-
uerently as is aforesaide vse themselves in the tyme
of diuine seruice :

11 Whether your Minister do exercise himselfe
in godlye studie of Holy Scriptures, and vertuous
bzinging vp of youth, as in teaching of the Catechi-
sme lastlye setfoꝝth by authoritie, and other godlye
exercises from time to time :

12 Whether your Minister do at the least euerie
Sunday and Holy day, openly in the Church cal foꝝ,
heare and instrua, all the Children, Apprentises and
seruantes of both the sexes, that be of conuenient age
withyn your Parish, oꝝ at the least so many of them,

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as the time will serue, and as he may well heare and
instruat, for halfe an houre at the least before, or at the
Eueninge Prayer, in the E. Commaundementes,
the Articles of the beleefe, and the Lordes Prayer,
and diligently examine and teach them the saide Ca-
techisme?

12 Whether all fathers, Mothers, Maisters
and Dames of your Parishe, cause their Childzen,
Seruauntes, and Apprentises, both mankinde and
womankinde, beinge aboue sixe yeares of age, to
come to the Church on the Sondages and Holys
dayes, at the tyme to them appoynted, or at the least
such and so many of them as your Minister shall ap-
point, and obediently to heare and be ordered by the
Minister untill suche tyme as they haue learned the
same Catechisme? And what be the names of these
that doe not cause their Childzen, Seruauntes and
Apprentises so to come to the Church to bee instru-
cted and examined? And how many of the said Chil-
dzen, Seruauntes, and Apprentises be in your Parish,
which beinge aboue seauen yeares olde, doe not aun-
swere to the sayde Catechisme, and what bee their
names and age, and wyth whom they dwell? And
whether do you which are the Church Wardens di-
ligentlye obserue the offenders in the premises, that
you may quarterly make true presentment of them?

14 Whether your Minister, or any man or wo-
man in your Parish doe willfully mainetaine or de-
fende any Heresie, false opinions, Popishe errors,
contrarye to the lawes of Almightye God, and true
doctrine, by publike authozitie in thys Realme now
set forth?

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setfooth? And whether any keepe any ~~secret~~ secret Conuenticles, contrarie to the Lawes, or anye within your Parish be suspected to bee Papistes, Anabaptistes, Libertines, or of the detestable secte of the Familie of Loue, or of any other notable heresie, and what be their names?

15 Whether, both your Parson, Vicar, Curate, or Minister keepe any suspected woman in hys house, or bee an incontinent person, geuen to drunkenness, idleness, or be a haunter of Hauernes, Alehouses, or suspected places, or be a Hunter, Hawker, Dicer, Carder, Tabler, Swearer, false dissembler, or otherwise suspected of any notozious crime, or giue any euill example of life?

16 Whether your Church bee voide of an Incumbent, how long it hath bene so voide, by whome, and at whose order the frutes are gathered, and bestowed, by whome and at whose appointmente the cure is serued?

17 Whether your Minister vse to praye for the Quenes moste excellent Maiestie (Quene Elizabeth) in your Church: and whether hee exhorte the people to obedience of her Highnes, and other Magistrates being in authoritie vnder her, or no?

18 Whether your Parson or Vicar hath preached or caused to bee preached in your Church his quarterly or monethly Sermons, as by the Quenes Iniunctions hee is bounde, and what bee the names of him or them, that so did preache, and whether hee
25 admitted

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admitted any to preach, not being lawfully licenced,
or haue letted or inhibited those that were licenced,
and whether if there be no Sermon, your Minister
doe reade euery Sunday distinctly and plainly some
part of the Homelies appointed by the Quenes au-
thoritie to be read? And whether doth he Quarterly
read the Iniunctions?

19 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate,
haue publikely, or secretly taught any doctrine ten-
dinge to the discredite of the receiued order, for go-
uernemente or publike Prayer, in the Church, or
make anye innouation: and whether they haue per-
mitted any man so teaching or making any such in-
nouation, who they be and what be their names,
that so did teach?

20 Whether your Parson, Vicar, or Curate,
after the Gospell, haue read openly in your Church
twice this yeare plainly without addition or change
the declaration of certain principall Articles of Reli-
gion set forth by both the Archbishops & the Bishops
of this Realme, for vnitie of doctrine, being appoin-
ted to be read vpon some Sunday within one mo-
neth next after Michaelmas and Easter yearely?

21 Whether your Minister hath admitted to the
receiuing of the holy Communion any open and no-
torious sinner or euill liuer, by whome the Congre-
gation is offended, or anye malicious person that is
out of charitie, or that hath done any open wrong to
his neighbors, by word or deede, without due pen-
nance, first done, or reconciliation had, to the satis-
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faction of the congregation:

22 Whether your Minister hath admitted to the holy Communion any of his Parish either man or woman kinde, that cannot say by hart the T. Commandementes, the Articles of the Faith, and the Lordes Prayer, and that cannot say by hart the Catechisme authorized, or are not diligente to learne, to render a reason of their Faith, and whether he marry any persons which were single befoze, that cannot say the sayde Catechisme, and whether he useth to examine hys Parishners at conueniente times, to the entent he may know whether they can say the same which is required, and whether there be any that do refuse so to be examined or no?

23 Whether there bee any in your Parish man or woman beinge of conueniente age, that hath not receiued, the holy Communion thise at the least this last yeare, and namely at Easter last or there about, and what their names are? And whether yearelye befoze Easter or at such conueniente times as your Minister shall thinke mete, and require hys Parishners to recite vnto hym the Catechisme by harte in Englishe, if any doe willfully and stubbernely refuse to recite the same, the Church Wardens and Swozemen or any of them doe asiste and aide the Minister therein, that suche stubberne persons maye bee rebuked and repelled, from the Communion at that time?

24 Whether there bee in your Parish any that are known or suspected to be malicious, contentious

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o: vcharitable persons, anye swearer, o: blasphemers of the name of God, anye fornicators, adulterers, incestuous persons, baudes, o: anye that receiue such incontinent persons, o: anye that harbo: women with child which be vnnaried, conueying o: sufferinge them to goe awaye befoze they haue done anye penance, o: make satisfaction to the Congregation, o: any persons that are vehemently suspected of any of these o: suche like faultes, o: that bee not of good name and fame touching such crinies, whether there bee in your Parish anye drunkardes, common flanderers of their neighbors, raylers, skoldes, o: sowers of discorde betwene neighbors, either baudes o: any other euill o: suspected liuers of incontinent life, who they be?

25 Whether the Scholemasters o: Scholemistresses that teach in your Parishes, either openly o: priuately in anye gentlemans house o: others be of good and sincere Religion and conuersation, and be diligent in the teachinge of youth in the Catechisme lastly setfoorth by authoritie, as also in other godlye and necessary documents of learning, whether they bee examined, allowed and licenced to teach by the Ordinary o: his deputie, and what bee their names that be not licenced?

26 Whether there be any that be married in degrees forbidden, o: that haue married two wiues o: two husbandes both liuing, o: that liue not together with their wiues, and what be their names?

27 Whether there bee anye man o: woman in
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your Parish that vseth witchcraft, coniuring, southe-
saying, charmes, or vnlawfull Prayers or inuoca-
tions in Latin or English for or vpon any Christian
bodie, or beast, and what be their names, or any that
do go or seeke for helpe at such sozcerers handes?

28 Whether you doe know, or haue heard say,
that within your Parishes there is, or are any person
or persons notorioulye knowen or suspected, to of-
fend contrary to the Statute made in the seauen and
thirtie yeares of the raigne of King Henrre the eight
for reformation of vsurie, and reuiued by an Acte
made in the thirteenth yeare of the raigne of the
Quenes Maiestie?

29 Whether your Minister do Church any vn-
married women, after they haue bene deliuered of
their childzen begottē vnlawfully, before they haue
acknowledged their faultes openly, according to the
order prescribed by the Ordinarie or his deputie?

30 Whether your Fontes or Baptisteries bee
remoued from the place where they were wonte to
stande, or any persons leauinge the vse of them, doe
Christen or Baptize in Basons, or other prophane
vessels, not accustomed to be used in the Church before
time? And whether any Christen without Godfa-
thers and Godmothers, or after any other order then
is prescribed, by the booke of Common Prayer?

31 Whether your Church, Chappel, or Chann-
cell, and euerie parte thereof be all in good and suffi-
cient reparations, and cleane kepte, and the man-

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son house of your Parson and Vicar with the buildings thereunto belonging, likewise repaired, and your Churchyard well fenced and cleanly kept, and if any of the same be ruinous and in decay, thorough whose default it is so? And whether the Church Wardens of the last year were enjoined to have repaired any part of the Church or fenced the Churchyard and did neglect to do the same?

32 Whether the Church Wardens of the last year have given to the Parish a just account of the Church goods, that were committed to their charge, and what Church goods they have sold, and whether to the profit of the Church or no, or any that do withhold any stocke or money belonging to the Church? And whether any person suppress the last will of the dead, and performe not Legacies bequeathed to the Church or to Orphanes, poor, maides marriages, high wayes, scholes, or any other godly use?

33 Whether when any christian body is in passing, the Bell be tolled, especially in great Townes where they be nere the Church or Chappell, so that the people may be moved thereby to praye for the sick person, and whether there be any other vaine ringing but one short peale before the buriall and another after?

34 Whether your Minister doe keepe well and orderly your Register booke of Weddings, Christenings, and Burialles within your Parish, and doe present a copie of them once euery year, by Indenture

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sure to the Ordinarie or his Officers :

35 Whether there bee within your Parish any
euill disposed persons whiche haue by anye meanes
vnrerently abused your Spinister, either by woꝛde
or dede ?

36 Whether there bee any within your Parish,
that haue bene presented as offenders heretofore,
which haue not done their pennance prescribed vnto
them, or that stand willfullie excommunicated, and
who they be ?

37 Whether you know or haue heard that the
Church Wardens and Swoꝛne men of your Pa-
rish the last yeare haue left any person or persons pu-
nishable for any offence by the Lawes Ecclesiastical
vnpresented, whereby they haue escaped vnrefoꝛ-
med, and by whose default, and what are the parties
names that haue so offended, and wherein haue they
offended ?

38 Finally, whether you know or vnderstand
of any other matter or cause Ecclesiasticall woꝛthy
of presentment, herein not expessed, and you shall
present the same ?

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